

USDA-NRCS-MINNESOTA EQIP APPLICATION SCORING WORKSHEET

National Priority Scoring for Olmsted County

(Complete individual factor parts only if cost-shared practices are to be installed)

APPLICANT _____ APPLICATION # _____ FARM # _____ TRACT #(s) _____ DATE _____

FACTOR A1 - SHEET AND RILL and/or WIND EROSION CONTROL on any land use

Weighted tons soil/ac./yr. to be saved = _____

>0-<3 ☐ 1 point

3-5 ☐ 3 points

>5 ☐ 6 points

☐ 2 points

2 Additional points if Soil Conditioning Index changes from negative to at least 0.0 on the field

Total A1 Points (Maximum 8)

FACTOR A2-CLASSIC OR EPHEMERAL GULLY CONTROL on any land use

Structural practice to control gullies 362, 410; 412; 638, 402* ☐ 6 points

*installed to control gully erosion

A2 Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR B1-WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PRACTICES

Practice 590 ☐ 8 points

OR Practice 351; 391; 393; 595; 725; 472(in riparian areas) ☐ 6 points

OR Practice 332; 386; 449; 580; 362*; 558*, 709*, 752 ☐ 4 points

*installed to improve water quality but not part of a complete runoff control system

B1 Points (Maximum 8)

FACTOR B2- WASTEWATER AND RUNOFF CONTROL/CNMP

Either SUBFACTOR 1. FEEDLOT RUNOFF CONTROL (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX IF APPLICABLE)

FLEVAL Rating See Instructions

1-10 ☐ 1 Points

11-25 ☐ 2 Points

26-49 ☐ 4 Points

>49 ☐ 6 Points

Or SUBFACTOR 2. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION See Instructions ☐ 6 points

Or SUBFACTOR 3. SEASONAL LANDSPREADING See Instructions ☐ 3 points

Or SUBFACTOR 4. ANIMAL MORTALITY FACILITY; SILAGE LEACHATE ABATEMENT SYSTEM; OR MILKHOUSE WASTEWATER SYSTEM - as a single practice See Instructions ☐ 4 points

1 Additional point if subfactor 4 is part of a waste system with other subfactors ☐ 1 point

Total B2 Points (Maximum 7)

FACTOR C- HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Practice 380; 395; 643; 645; 647; 657; 402(for wildlife) ☐ 6 points

1 additional point if practice benefits a threatened or endangered species . ☐ 1 point

See instructions.

Total C Points (Maximum 7)

FACTOR D AIR QUALITY

Practice is specifically installed to benefit air quality. See Instructions ☐ 6 points

OR Practice installed to benefit air quality as a secondary purpose. ☐ 1 point

See instructions

D Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR E- SENSITIVE WATERBODIES

Sensitive water body ☐ 1 point

Requested practice identified in a plan ☐ 1 point

See instructions.

E Points (Maximum 2)

FACTOR F-DISTANCE

Distance from applicable practice or field edge to a receiving water. CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.

Factors A1, A2, B1, B2 ☐ <100' 4pts ☐ 100 to 500' 3pts ☐ 501 to 1000' 2pts ☐ 1001 to 2000' 1 pts

or ☐ 4pts ☐ 3pts ☐ 2pts ☐ 1pts ☐ 0pts.

Factors C, G, H ☐ 3pts ☐ 2pts ☐ 1pts ☐ 0pts.

F Points (Maximum 4)

NATIONAL PRIORITY SCORE

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Factor A1. Erosion Control	_____	<u>6</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor A2. Gully Control	_____	<u>8</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor B1. Water Resource Protection	_____	<u>8</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor B2. Wastewater/runoff/CNMP	_____	<u>5</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor C. Wildlife Habitat	_____	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor D. Air Quality	_____	<u>2</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor E. Impaired Water Body	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor F. Distance	_____	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____
Total of National Priorities(must exceed 0)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

FACTOR G- PRESCRIBED GRAZING SYSTEM (move based on plant growth stage)

Practice 528A or 528A1

☐ 6 points

G Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR H-FOREST MANAGEMENT

Practice: 655, 666, 490, 612

☐ 6 points

Total H Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR I-ADDITIONAL LOCAL OR AREA CONCERN

6 pts. Enter concern and appropriate practices. See instructions.

☐ 6 points

- An EQIP application that includes the NRCS Practice 328b – Organic Conservation Crop Rotation will receive 6 pts. under Factor I – Additional Local Concern.
- An EQIP application that includes the NRCS Practice 362 (diversion) or 558 (roof runoff management) when the practices are planned to comply with an Open Lot Agreement with MPCA will receive 6 pts. under Factor I – Additional Local Concern. Additional points will not be awarded under Factor I if these practices are components of NRCS Practice 784 – Wastewater and Feedlot Runoff Control
- An EQIP application that includes the NRCS Practice 329A/B/C (residue management – no-till, strip till/mulch till/ridge till) on a portion of the crop rotation will receive 4 pts. under Factor I – Additional Local Concern. *Note: Producers will not be eligible for incentive payments for Residue Management practice (329A/B/C) if the practice has been a part of the producer's conservation compliance plan.*
- An EQIP application that includes the NRCS Practice 329A/B/C (residue management – no-till, strip till/mulch till/ridge till) on the entire crop rotation will receive 6 pts. under Factor I – Additional Local Concern. *Note: Producers will not be eligible for incentive payments for Residue Management practice (329A/B/C) if the practice has been a part of the producer's conservation compliance plan.*
- An EQIP application that includes the NRCS Practice 666 (Forest Stand Improvement) or 490 (Forest Site Preparation) will receive 4 pts. under Factor I – Additional Local Concern..

I Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR J-COST EFFECTIVENESS

Practices are a cost-effective solution for the primary concern

☐ 1 point

J Points (Maximum1)

SCORE

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Total from National Priorities(above)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor G. Grazing System	_____	<u>5</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor H. Forest Management	_____	<u>2</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor I. Additional Local Concern	_____	<u>7</u>	_____	_____	_____

Factor J. Cost Effectiveness	_____	<u>None</u>	_____	_____	_____
Total Points	_____*		=====!!!!!!		=====

*Applications scoring less than 7 total base points (points before multiplying by the Priority weight) will be considered a low priority application and be ineligible for funding at this time.